

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1026
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Eugenia Agnes Walker Smith of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Eugenia Agnes "Jean" Walker Smith; and

WHEREAS, Jean Smith was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Batesville, Arkansas, Jean Smith graduated from her hometown Batesville High School, attended business school in Kansas City, and later studied at the University of Chattanooga; she was an avid artist and student of the arts; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith worked with acumen and alacrity as a valued employee of South Central Bell, where she formed a large number of friendships during her many years of devoted service; and

WHEREAS, she was also a full partner in the family business, and after twenty-five years with South Central Bell, she took a much-deserved retirement, having earned the respect of her superiors, colleagues, and customers alike for the exceptional quality of her service; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life she was a devout Episcopalian, having been baptized and confirmed in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Batesville; known by some as "Miss Eugenia", she was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, where she served with her sisters in Christ as chairman of the St. Mary's Chapter; member of the Altar Guild; Page to the House of Bishops; President of Church Women United of Chattanooga, from which she had received the Valiant Woman Award; and representative of the local chapter at their Ecumenical Assembly; and

WHEREAS, whether attending to her life's work, sharing her interests in painting, literature, and flowers, enjoying a friendly game of bridge, or playing with her beloved cat,

Cookie, Jean Smith touched the lives of all whom she encountered with her unwavering love and faith in Jesus Christ; she was ever warm and friendly, caring for all people, as well as all of God's creatures, both great and small; and

WHEREAS, as a public-spirited citizen, Jean Smith served as a leader in numerous civic and community organizations, including participation as Chairman of Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, Chattanooga Chapter; member of the Salvation Army's Women Auxiliary; Vice President of the Chattanooga Music Club; Vice President of the Rose Society; Vice President of the Oak Manor Retirement Center, Inc.; Brainerd Area Chairman of the United Fund; President of the Brainerd Garden Club; President and Distinctive Member Award recipient of the Outlook Reading Club; President and Distinctive Member Award recipient of the Kosmos Women's Club; Parliamentarian, Chaplain, President, and Outstanding Club Woman Award recipient of the District III Federation of Women's Clubs; Chaplain of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs; and member of the Barnard Astronomical Society; and

WHEREAS, Jean Smith was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; her cheerful spirit was an inspiration to her family and friends, and she was a devoted wife, mother, sister, student, co-worker, businesswoman, and friend; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her father, Dr. William H. Walker, and mother, Nora Keith Walker; and

WHEREAS, Jean Smith enjoyed fifty-six years of loving companionship with her beloved husband, M. Duane Smith, whom she married at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Concord, New Hampshire; she is also survived by her son, M. Duane "Sandy" Smith, Jr.; sister, Beulah Poole; and many dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Jean Smith leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Eugenia Agnes "Jean" Walker Smith of Chattanooga, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Jean "Miss Eugenia" Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.